


REMARKS

Claims 41-56 of the present application were subject to a restriction requirement as claims 62-77 in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/368,710 and were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 57-60 of the present application are new claims and include subject matter not taught by the art of record. Claims 1-40 have been canceled. Thus, claims 41-60 are now pending in the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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